

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

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On 4 days every week from 25 February to 7 March 1953, troops practiced bridge construction at Schunke Lake and Heege Lake. A pontoon bridge was constructed and subsequently removed at the narrowest spot of Heege Lake, at point H. See GSGS map of Germany, sheet No 3846, Spereenberg, scaled 1:25 000. The equipment needed for the bridge construction was taken from a shed near point H. Engineer troops practiced the construction of emergency bridges at Schunke Lake at the same time. The units involved had a strength of more than two companies each. At 10 p.m. on 5 March, a unit at company strength left the barracks installation at Schunke Lake and returned at 7:30 a.m. on 6 March. They left in a forced march.¹ At 6 a.m. on 6 March, a convoy of 25 trucks with 8 AAA guns coupled to them and 8 other artillery pieces on one-axle trailers moved out of the Eisenbahn Pionier Kaserne in Renagen and proceeded toward Kummersdorf. The column included 3 radio trucks with rod antennas and a field kitchen.² At 12:30 p.m. on 2 March, a column of 15 trucks with 2 field kitchens, troops, billeting equipment and pneumatic boats drove through Spereenberg from the direction of Kummersdorf and proceeded toward Baruth.

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1. Comment. The report confirms the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mech Army in the barracks installation at Schunke Lake until early March 1953.
2. Comment. The information refers to practices or reliefs of units of the 2d Gds AAA Div at the AAA emplacements around Wuensdorf. Movements in both directions
3. Comment. The motor vehicle belong to units of the GOFG. They have not been observed previously in connection with engineer troops.

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